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 For : METHODS FOR RAPIDLY) (Date)
 IDENTIFYING SMALL
 ORGANIC MOLECULE
 LIGANDS FOR BINDING TO
 BIOLOGICAL TARGET
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

The present Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with the filing of the above-identified continuation application. Please amend this application in the following aspects:

In the Specification:

Please insert the following sentence immediately following the title, as the first sentence of the specification:

- - This application is a continuation of copending application Serial No. 10/043,833 filed on January 11, 2002, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/981,547 filed on October 17, 2001, which is a division of application Serial No. 09/105,372 filed on June 26, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,335,155 issued on January 1, 2002. - -

In the Claims: